

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

Jul. 14, 2015, 8:00pm OAFVC in Colborne

Present: Allan Carruthers, Lisa Meekes, Lyle Gallagher, Carl Wilce, Pat Johnston, Arlene Dorland, Paul Burnham, Trissia Mellor, Terry Linton, Gene Brahaney, Ian Sculthorpe, Bruce Buttar, Marvin McComb, Bill Dorland.

1. **Call to Order:** by Allan Carruthers at 8:00pm
2. **Agenda:** motion to approve Arlene, 2nd by Pat. CARRIED
3. **Approval of June Minutes:** motion by Gene, 2nd by Paul that minutes have no errors or omissions. CARRIED
4. **Financial Report:** motion to approve by Bruce, 2nd by Arlene. CARRIED
 - 4.1. Motion by Arlene, to pay invoice, 2nd by Terry. CARRIED Pat owed \$121.39, Gene owed \$62.15, Lisa owed \$213.95,
 - 4.2. Wall of fame owed \$200.00 for our nomination of Lew Dunk. Marvin motioned and Ian 2nd to pay this expense. Lisa will ask Sid about required picture to be submitted.
 - 4.3. There is still an outstanding invoice to the Hasting County Federation for last year's plowing match expense. Lisa will look into this.
5. **Delegation/Guests:**

Bev Dahmer addressed the group at the beginning of our meeting. The OFA and the National Energy Board met in April on the topic of the National Engagement Initiative and she has been looking for the outcome of the discussions they had with no success. Bruce will look into this and see what he can find out on the OFA end.
6. **Business Arising from the minutes/current issues:**
 - 6.1. The Proud to Lead/Members dinner tour – Regrets we sent from president Don MacCabe and Betty Jean Crews. It was a successful night with 90 of our members attending. All enjoyed a wonderful relaxed dinner served by Hayden Taylor and small group tours of the new OAFVC.
 - 6.2. Newsletter 3rd Edition deadline for submissions is set for Aug. 10. Please be aware that members will be reading this publication in Sept. and tailor your submissions accordingly.
 - 6.3. 2015 Budget- Arlene told us that at this point we will be working on having budget ready for approval for our AGM in Oct. A few more figures are needed to confirm and Lisa will work on this. Our official year end is Aug. 31.
 - 6.4. Annual meeting/Banquet date was changed from Oct. 16th to 23rd to accommodate the UCW in Warkworth who are catering. Directors were contacted via email and all agreed with the later date. A suggested speaker for the evening was Lori Godden/Caughey to talk about her recent trip to Argentina through the Advanced Agriculture Leadership Program. It was decided that we should invite Pres. Don McCabe to our AGM. Tickets are to be printed (100) and distributed at the Aug. meeting. Arlene motioned and Marvin 2nd that the price for the event will be \$12.50 / single and \$25 / couple and NFA will cover the extra expense of the meal. CARRIED
7. **Correspondence:**
 - 7.1. A workshop entitled "Beef Carcass 101" is being held in Guelph to increase knowledge of carcass fabrication & utilization, assurance programs, carcass data and improving beef quality. Ian expressed an interest to attend this event. Motion by Arlene and Lyle 2nd that we pay the \$100 registration. CARRIED
8. **Reports:**
 - 8.1. Pres. Allan, happy with turnout for members night

8.2. Bruce Buttar MSR- The OFA was granted their farm organization accreditation for the next three year period.

The August meeting will be in Thunder bay, good opportunity to be in touch with that area.

The chairmen of the GFO and OFA are struggling to work together dealing with the new Neonic regulations. Communication is continuing for a common ground.

8.3. Pat- Hastings county Plowing Match meeting was on June 22. This year's match will be held at the Chadwick Farm 1210 Chadwick Rd. Tyendinaga Township on Aug. 19th 9-5 & 20th 9-4. Northumberland Ag Awareness resources; red barn, farm plinco and leftover Real Dirt on Farming books, have be requested for the event. 2-3 Northumberland County volunteers are required for the morning of 19th 9-1. Allan volunteered. A Fire extinguisher was provided by Hamilton Township Mutual Insurance for a draw on the 19th.

9. ***New and Other Business:***

9.1. There was discussion about the semiannual 4 County Summit meetings and when our turn to host was. These are usually held spring and fall and Allan will contact Jim Hair to find out more. Possible location was the new OAFVC when it is our turn to host.

9.2. The new owners of the Big Apple have done a lot of changes and it is worth the time to check out the place. They are very supportive of buy local and are hoping the new farmers market on site that is organized by local groups as a fundraiser, will be a success for all involved. The Trenton OnRoutes east and west bound are also hosting farmers markets from July 3rd to labour day on the weekends.

9.3. Trissia told us about the Good Food Box program offering fresh local produce for \$15 to anyone. They also have a low income version for \$10 and Arlene is going to look into getting milk vouchers for this.

9.4. *Next Meeting:* Next meeting Tuesday, Aug. 11 at 7:30 pm Arlene on lunch duty

Adjournment: 9:30 pm